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1. metal import requirements for 1955, the Czech have no requirement for charcoal pig iron. Heretofore they have imported 4,000 tons annually for use in alloys used in special castings for the manufacture of large rollers. the Czechs are now using another process which eliminates the need for charcoal pig iron. 25X1
2. The Czechs have no requirements for ferrotungsten for 1955, having sufficient supplies and domestic production to satisfy their demands. 25X1
3. since the change in COCOM controls on copper the only metal currently needed by Czechoslovakia and not being received in sufficient quantities is nickel. Because of the availability of copper, resulting from the change in the list, current requirements for copper are being met, and a limited amount of stockpiling is taking place as a hedge against possible tightening of COCOM controls again. 25X1

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